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High-Speed Rail Authority Hosts Industry and Networking Events

FRESNO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is hosting an Industry Forum and Pre-Bid Conference on April 8, 2014 in Visalia for businesses interested in working on the next phase of the high-speed rail project. The Industry Forum will provide an opportunity for small businesses to meet with the qualified firms eligible to submit proposals for the design-build Request for Proposals (RFP) for Construction Package 2-3 (CP 2-3). The Pre-Bid Conference for the Project and Construction Management (PCM) Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for CP 2-3 will provide a networking between prime and sub-contractors. Both events will include formal presentations that cover details and requirements of the contracts, how to bid and the importance of small business participation.

WHAT: Industry Forum and Pre-Bid Conference

WHO: Diana Gomez, Central California Regional Director

Scott Jarvis, Assistant Chief Program Manager

Qualified Design-Build Teams

Industry Representatives and Small Business Community

WHEN: Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Industry Forum for Design-Build Contract: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pre-bid conference for Project and Construction Management Services: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Visalia Convention Center

303 East Acequia Avenue

Visalia CA 93291

Attendees can register for each event online at

http://www.hsr.ca.gov/About/Doing_Business_with_HSR/contracts_for_bid.html.

CP 2-3 will extend in excess of 60 miles in length through the Central Valley from East American Avenue in Fresno County to one mile north of the Kern-Tulare County line. The environmental clearance for the route is already underway and is anticipated to be final by spring 2014.

About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority's website at http://www.hsr.ca.gov and join us on facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail and follow us at http://www.hsr.ca.gov and join us on